COMBINED AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)

In Re Application of: Authier Serial No.: 09/429,939 Filing Date: 10/29/1999 Examiner: Prunner, Kathleen J.

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Invention:

Water Freeze Control for Hot Tub Spa

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 10/10/2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is for one month from 01/10/2004 to 02/10/2004.

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FEE FOR AMENDMENT						\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME						\$55.00
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 200678. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed:
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
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If any additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 200678. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed

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Sir,

This letter is in response to Office Action dated 10/10/2003. Please find attached to this letter a request for a one month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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